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REF A. MILAN 1931 B. MILAN 1800 C. MILAN 1751

- 1. GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA (PSI) MEMBER MILAN OFFICIAL LA SCALA DELEGATION TODAY ASKED ON BEHALF OF MAYOR WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD OBJECT TO HIS INCLUSION IN TOGNOLI VISIT WITH HARTMAN. MAYOR TOGNOLI, HE SAID, WISHES TO MAKE SUCH REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT WHEN HE ARRIVES WASHINGTON BUT WILL NOT DO SO UNLESS ASSURED OF FAVORABLE REPLY. (FYI. ABBONDANZA AND TOGNOLI, BOTH AUTONOMISTS, ARE CLOSE NOT ONLY IDEOLOGICALLY BUT PERSONALLY. THEY HAVE VACATION APARTMENTS IN SAME BUILDING ON LIGURIAN COAST, FOR EXAMPLE. FOR SOME OF ABBONDANZA'S VIEWS, SEE MILAN 1800.)
- 2. WE TOLD ABBONDANZA THAT WE WOULD ASK DEPARTMENT AND SUGGEST THAT IT INFORM TOGNOLI AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN US SINCE REPLY BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM MILAN TODAY IMPOSSIBLE.
- 3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH WE SEE BENEFIT IN TOGNOLI'S BEING ACCOMPANIED BY ABBONDANZA IN DEPARTMENT MEETINGS CONFIDENTIAL

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(IT WOULD, INTERALIA, PROTECT TOGNOLI FROM CHARGES OF

SECRET DEALINGS WITH US), WE NOTE THAT THIS LEAVES DC AND LIBERAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES OUT IN COLD, PROBLEM WHICH DOES NOT ARISE AS ACUTELY IF ONLY MAYOR, AS DELEGATION HEAD, GOES TO DEPARTMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (MILAN 1751) THAT TOGNOLI HAS ASKED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTIES NOT BE INCLUDED IN HIS MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICALS ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DEPARMENT SEEING LIBERAL AND DC SEPARATELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD DEPARTMENT PLASE LET US KNOW ITS DECISION AND INFORM TOGNOLI.FINA

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